

DIARY OF OMAR EARSLEY – 1878

In the possession of Marlin “Tubber” Merrill of Slaterville Springs, NY. The inside, front cover is inscribed: “Omar J. Earsley, Caroline, N.Y.” It is 2.5 inches wide by 4 inches tall.

“The EARSLEY Family of Caroline, New York and Their Descendants” records that OMAR D. EARSLEY, oldest son of Francis and Phoebe (Yaple) Earsley, was born August 12, 1855 in Caroline, New York. His brothers were: Theron B. Earsley, born May 22 or 25, 1859; Frank J. Earsley, born June 25, 1862; William Deforest Earsley, born July 1, 1868.

Omar's father, Francis, was the youngest son of William and Ruth (Bailey) Earsley, was born February 18, 1820 in Caroline, New York and died February 21, 1905 or 1906. Francis' father, William, was the son of Francis and Maria (Johnson) Earsley. Maria was the earliest settler in the Town of Caroline, Tompkins County, New York.

Omar's mother, Phoebe Ann Yaple, was the daughter of Peter and Lydia (Smith) Yaple. She was born in 1837 or 1838 in Tioga County, New York, and died June 29, 1917. Phoebe's father, Peter was the son of Philip and Mary (Earsley) Yaple (the 5th child of Francis and Maria (Johnson) Earsley. When Omar writes of “grandfather”, he is referring to Peter Yaple, his mother's father.

Omar married, September 10, 1902, Sue M. Church, daughter of John E. and Mary J. (Voorhees) Church. She was born May 29, 1861 in Tioga County, New York. She was a school teacher in the Town of Caroline, one of the few who taught after her marriage. They had no children.

Omar died February 4, 1908 and is buried in Caroline Grove Cemetery in Caroline. Sue re-married to Coral Henry Miner, widower of Omar's cousin, Ella Grace Earsley. Sue died August 27, 1946 and is buried in Caroline Grove Cemetery.

“*The other place*” Omar refers to is a farm on the north side of Harford Road, bordering “600” in the Town of Caroline (later the Ward farm now owned by the Crispell family but grown to woods). The “*home place*” was 3358 Slaterville Road (on the corner of Pacific Road, originally part of Widow Maria Earsley's homestead). Mott's Corner's is now Brooktondale.

Mr. Judson Rounsvell lived at 3204 Slaterville Road (now the Durbon/Clary residence).

Mr. Charles Higgins lived at 3262 Slaterville Road (now Mix farm).

Henry Crum (also spelled Krum) lived in the first place on the right on Level Green Road. (after Slaterville Road intersection) Mr. Crum was Mr. Charles Higgin's father-in-law.

Tuesday, January 1, 1878

Father, Mother, Theron and I went to Jane Lawrence's funeral. Rev. C. S. Alexander preached the sermon. It snowed some. Quite cool.

Wednesday 2

I was at the Post Office in the forenoon. Afternoon I chored about home. Snowed all day.

Thursday 3

Some pleasanter. Uncle Horace Yaple and Aunt Jane Yaple, Mrs. Wortorl, Aunt Urana Smith and J. D. Yaple was here visiting. Theron and I drew some wood in A.M..

Friday, January 4, 1878

I was at the Post Office nearly all day. Orville Surdam and I sent for some valentines. Stormed.

Saturday 5

I staid at home. Plenty of sleighing.

Sunday 6

Staid at home. Pleasant today.

Monday, January 7, 1878

I was at the Post Office and at home all day. Cold weather.

Tuesday 8

I was at home all day. Very cold.

Wednesday 9

Father and I went on other place and got a load of hay. Valentines received.

Thursday, January 10, 1878

Mother and Aunt Ruth Surdam quilted at Mr. M. Rounsvells. We drew manure part of the day. It rained some.

Friday 11

It snowed nearly all of last night. Snow about 1 foot deep. I was at Post Office nearly all day.

Saturday 12

I helped Uncle Nathan move some hay with our team. Father was a hunting. William and Gaston Rounsevelle came home from a visit to the west.

Sunday, January 13, 1878

I staid at home. Thawing but quite good sleighing.

Monday 14

Father went and got Jennie Smith to come and fix Mothers dress over, then he went a hunting and killed a fox, come home to dinner and went P.M. & killed another. Theron & I went to Slaterville in the evening to get trimming, etc.

Tuesday 15

Father and Theron went a hunting. I went and took Jennie home about 4 o'clock so she could go to Rev. C. S. Alexander's donation at the Fountain House at Slaterville.

Wednesday, January 16, 1878

Father drawed rails for S. C. Patch from Ropers down here. I chored about home was at Post Office part of the day. Uncle Gilbert brought Jennie back before noon.

Thursday 17

Father went a hunting. Jennie finished the dress and I took her home just night.

Friday 18

Aunt Ruth went up Smith's hill to P. Yaples and intends to go to Aunt Anna's. I was at the Post Office all day. Staid with Orville all night.

Saturday, January 19, 1878

Mother, Willie, Orville and I went up to Aunt Ann's to get Aunt R. and make a visit. But as Silas had gone to Candor to be married, Aunt R. staid. Mr. Stinard, wife and child, Ruth Yaple, Aunt Emily and Sabrina Patch was there. Mr. S. & family. Deland, Sabrina was at ? Crums in evening. Orville & I spent the eve there. I staid with O. S. all night.

Sunday 20

I was at home all day. Staid with Orville again tonight. S. C. Patch brought his wife home.

Monday 21

Silas brought Aunt Ruth home this morning. Father and I went on other place and got a load of hay. Stormed some. Sleighing poor.

Tuesday, January 22, 1878

Father, Mother, Willie and I went to Ithaca. Stormed some. We went with a wagon. Sleighing all gone west of Slaterville. I went to Jusdon Rounsevells to a Sociable in eve.

Wednesday 23

I was at home and at the Post Office all day. Snowed and blowed hard.

Thursday 24

I staid at home. Father went a hunting.

Friday, January 25, 1878

Theron and I drewed some manure. Father went a hunting. Henry Speed and family, & H. Crum & Viola was here in the evening. J.A. Haynes and family went to Sylvester Haynes' and so Sarah Crum staid with Caroline. I staid with them over night.

Saturday 26

Father went to Harford Mills to see H. Caliss(?) and Ruth L. and the children went over to F. M. Surdam's. I staid at home. Jackson H. came home just night.

Sunday 27

I staid at home. Grandfather was here.

Monday, January 28, 1878

I was at the Post Office part of day. Father went hunting in A.M. And afternoon he was at Henry Crums fixing his boots. The clover threshers came just night.

Tuesday 29

We threshed clover in forenoon, afternoon Father and I went on other place and got a load of hay.

Wednesday, 30

Father went a hunting. Theron and I went on the other place and got a load of hay. Dewitt Roe left an Ithaca organ at our house.

Thursday, January 31, 1878

Father and I went on other place and got a load of hay. Aunt Ruth went up to Mr. Berry's visiting it snowed so hard that she didn't come h home. I staid with Orville all night.

Friday, February 1

I was at the Post Office in forenoon and looked over the mail. Aunt Ruth came home about noon and went to our house and helped Mother put on a quilt P.M.

Saturday 2

The boys and I drew manure. Father went hunting. Mary Crandall and Aunt Lovica, Carrie and Ella was at our house. Mary and Aunt Lovica quilted. Cleared off this P.M.

Sunday, February 3, 1878

I was at home. Uncle Richard was at our house.

Monday 4

I was at Post Office and looked over the mail. Aunt Ruth and Orville went to Ithaca with Uncle Richard. Aunt Ruth came home about 8 o'clock in evening. Orville staid all night at Ithaca.

Tuesday 5

Father went and got a horse shod in A.M. and afternoon we went and broke road and drew load of logs to Aunt Emily's mill. Mrs. Haynes, Sallie Rounsevell, Viola Crum, & Aunt Lovica quilted here. D. Roe was here just night.

Wednesday, February 6, 1878

I went down the creek & helped load a load of logs in morn. Father drew logs all day. Mrs. Haynes, Sallie Rounsevell, Viola Crum, Aunt Lovica & Aunt Ruth quilted here pm H. Crandall & family & Aunt Ruth & Mary C & Orville was here in pm Aunt Ruth quilted, finished quilt.

Thursday 7

I went to Ithaca with Jackson Haynes (?) and got my watch. Father drew logs in forenoon. P.M. Father & Mother went to H. Yaples, pleasant and thawing sleighing poor west of Slaterville.

Friday 8

I tended Post Office Aunt Ruth, Mother and Mary Crandall went to Aunt Emily's visiting. Father drew logs in morning. It rained most all day.

Saturday, February 9, 1878

In A.M. I drew 2 loads of logs to mill. Father went hunting. Thawing, water in the road by C. Allen's. Afternoon we fixed the pump.

Sunday 10

It snowed some last night and this forenoon. Wm. Bailey was here today and Henry Crum in evening. Warm and thawing in P.M.

Monday 11

Father and I went to mill at Mott's Corners and to Ithaca. We looked in the organ factory and looked at the diferent [sic.] parts of the organs. Sleighing good all way.

Tuesday, February 12, 1878

I drew a load of logs to mill and stopped to see Uncle Richard's folks about going to Aunt Ann's Father went hunting. Adelbert Patch staid here all night.

Wednesday 13

I helped Father load a load of long longs to take to Richford. In the evening William & Sallie Rounsevell, Sarah Crum, Carrie Earsley, Orville Surdam, Eli, Fred, Eleonora & Esther A. Earsley, Clara Higgins, Theron & I went up to make Silas & Lilly a visit. I sent some valentines.

Thursday 14

Valentine Day. I helped Father draw some logs to mill. Sarah Crum was here in afternoon and evening. Weather pleasant and moderate.

Friday, February 15, 1878

Sent a few more Valentines. I went with Father to mill with the last load of logs this A.M. P.M. Yapple's folks were here when we came home. Our whole family went down to Uncle Richard's in evening. Uncle A. and Helen was in Moravia visiting.

Saturday 16

Clear and pleasant. Father and I went on other place and broke a road to hay stack and drew 2 loads home. Father and I went up to Charles Vandemark's in the evening.

Sunday 17

I staid at home. Adelbert Patch was here a part of day. Snowed some.

Monday, February 18, 1878

Father and I drew the remainder of stack of hay down. We drew some manure and a load of wood afternoon. Father and Mother went to a Surprise party at the Fountain House in evening. Pleasant but quite cold weather.

Tuesday 19

Father and Willie went to Slaterville in A.M. And got ready to go to Moravia visiting. Father, Mother and Willie started about 3 o'clock. Theron, Frank and I staid at home. Uncle Richard and Helen came home from Moravia today.

Wednesday 20

Theron and I was at home, Frank went to school. Mr. Head stopped and got a 53 lb ham towards his saw bill. Grandfather & Lottie Bush was here a few minutes. Lottie staid with Aunt Ruth all night. Orville, Lottie and I visited at Mr. Haynes' in the evening.

Tuesday, February 21, 1878

Rained. Snow going off fast. We had a new milks cow last night. Orville Surdam and I visited the school this afternoon. Lottie Bush, Aunt Ruth and Orville was here in evening.

Friday 22

Rained hard nearly all day. I went to Caroline Center with mail carrier to get the mail because Post M. could not find mail key when I got back they had found it. Jackson Haynes was here in evening.

Saturday 23

Theron, Frank and I was at home all day. Aunt Ruth was here and done up the work in the morning. I salted the beef. Thawing yet and raining some.

Sunday, February 24, 1878

Sleighting nearly all gone. I staid at home. Aunt Ruth was here and done up the work in the A.M. Ruth L Northrop & Willie and Mary came home today. Charley Crandall & Orville Surdam was here part of day.

Monday 25

I was at the Post Office part of the day. Father, Mother and Willie cam home from Moravia today. Some cooler but quite muddy in places.

Tuesday 26

Father and I went to the saw mill and got a load of lumber. Grandfather was here in the forenoon. Froze up hard, snowed a little. Uncle Nathan was here in evening.

Wednesday, February 27, 1878

Father and I drew hay off of other place. Sleighting poor. Uncle Nathan and family went a visiting and I done his chores. Ruth L. and Aunt Emily kept house for him.

Thursday 28

I done Uncle Nathans chores and Father drew a load of lumber home from the mill in the morn, and then Theron, Father and I drew manure with a wagon.

Friday, March 1

Father and Mother and Horace and Jane Yaple went to Danby visiting with a wagon. No sleighing. I was at the Post Office part of day. Quite pleasant. Sarah Crum and Nettie Lawrence was here P.M.

Saturday, March 2, 1878

I staid at home. Father and Mother and Horace and Jane Yaple came home just before night. It rained after 3 o'clock. Helen & Eleonora Earsley stain here all night. We saw a fire near Caroline Center in evening.

Sunday 3

Helen and Eleonora and Charley Earsley and wife and child was here and Adelbert Patch also. It rained. Uncle Richard came after the girls in the evening. The fire last night was Henry Personius' house.

Monday 4

I was at the Post Office part of day. Father greased the harness. Snowed a little.

Tuesday, March 5, 1878

Father put the harness together in the A.M. Jackson Haynes was here in the forenoon. Afternoon Father, Theron and I drew manure. Frost all out of the plowed ground.

Wednesday 6

Was about the house most of forenoon. Afternoon Father, Theron and I cleared up grass seed that had shelled out of the hay as we foddered. Very warm and pleasant for March.

Thursday 7

We cleaned up clover seed. It rained most all day. We had quite a heavy thunder shower this afternoon, it hailed some. Very muddy. Snow most all gone, only a few snow banks left.

Friday, March 8, 1878

We cleaned up clover seed in the forenoon. Afternoon we drew up some wood. We cleaned over 40 bushels of seed oats after 4 o'clock and put them back in the bin. Very warm for march. Mercury 80 at 4 P.M.

Saturday 9

Father and I drew 2 loads of hay from the other place. Quite warm and muddy. Ruth L. and children went up to Mr. Berry's visiting, came home tonight. The boys done chores & shelled some corn.

Sunday 10

Father, Mother, & Ruth L. and her children went to Grandfathers. Frederic Earsley was here & he and I went up to H. Crums and had our hair cut. Elbert Beckman cut mine. Very warm day. Mud drying up fast.

Monday, March 11, 1878

Father and I drew 2 loads of hay from other place. The last of our stacked hay. Rained some. The boys set out 2 trees.

Tuesday 12

Another rainy day. Theron and I chored about home and got a grist ready for mill. Father went to Slaterville. In the evening I went up to the Crums and had my coat sewed up.

Wednesday 13

Father went to Richford to mill. I went along intending to go to Apalachin but being too late for the cars. I went to D. Yaple & staid all night. Delos is getting ready to move up in the village. Rained some.

Thursday, March 14, 1878

I took the 10 o'clock train for Owego, crossed the Owego bridge and walked up the river about 2 miles to Justus Nichols'. Staid there over night. All well. Gertrude was at her Uncles but came home about 5 o'clock.

Friday 15

I was at Mr. Nichols in the forenoon. P.M. Gertie took horse & buggy & drove up to Apalachin with me to Wm. Gaskills. Visited there P.M. Went to Mrs. Goodenours' first night. Evelyn & I went to Singing School and to a Greenback donation in evening for Rev. J. H (?) or L (?) Calnon. Had a dance.

Saturday 16

Evelyn & I took Alanson G. horse & buggy & went to Wm. Hilton's to see Julie (?) who is very sick and to Mr. Foxer. Pleasant weather. Staid at Aunt Alvira's over night.

Sunday, March 17, 1878

Rained some. Evelyn & I went to Alanson Goodenours, found them all well. Intended to go to church in evening but it rained hard, we staid all night.

Monday 18

Rained in the morning. Evelyn & I went back to Mrs. Goodneours in forenoon. Afternoon we went to Uncle Labe Smith's. I staid at Aunt Alvira G's, all night.

Tuesday 19

We went to Wm. Gaskill's in forenoon, Afternoon went to Ira Edwards. Found them all well. Called at John Barney's, Staid at Mrs. G's all night.

Wednesday, March 20, 1878

Evelyn Goodenow & Leydia & Susie Edwards went up to Mr. A. Griffins' with me. We called at Uncle Royal Smiths, went to A. Goodenow's to a Surprise party in evening. I had a dance & got back to Mrs. G's about 4 A.M. Gertie N. was there.

Thursday 21

I staid at Mrs. Goodenow's at Mrs. Knapp & Gertie Nichols & Mrs. A. Goodenow was there visiting. Evelyn & I went to the village with Mr. Knapp's folks in the evening.

Friday 22

Evelyn & I spent the day at Mr. Gaskills. Gertie Nichols was there. Mrs. Gaskill, Gertie, Evelyn & I intended to go to Mr. C. Glann's but Wm. G. was sick so did not go. I staid at Mrs. G's again, over night.

Saturday, March 23, 1878

Evelyn & I visited at Etson (?) Edwards Mrs. Barney and Miss Wood was there. Called at Uncle John Holmes' but they were not at home. E & I went to church in the evening.

Sunday 24

Rained in morn. Snowed at P.M. I went to Quarterly meeting in forenoon to the Weslyn Church. Afternoon Susie Edward, Evelyn & I visited at John Barney's. Lydia Edwards had sore throat. Evelyn & I went to church in eve to hear Mr. Calnon.

Monday 25

I was at Ira Edwards in A.M. P.M. Lydia & Susie Edwards & myself visited at Sim Brown's. We were all at Ira E's in evening. Nelson Fessendon & Ira was there. I staid with S. Brown over night. Quite cold weather.

Tuesday, March 26, 1878

Cool weather! I was at Ira Edwards in forenoon. Afternoon Lydia & Susie Edwards & Evelyn G. went up to Uncle Royal Smiths with me. Found them all well Uncle R and Alan was to a lawsuit so did not see them. Staid at Mrs. G's all night.

Wednesday 27

I was at Ira Edwards in forenoon. Afternoon Uncle Royal Smith took Anna & me up to Charles Glann's I went to Johnson Yates to stay all night. We had a thunder shower in eve.

Thursday 28

Johnnie Yates & I called at George Glann;s in A.M.. Took dinner at Mr. G. Browns. Edgar B. was home. I called at Charles Glanns in the P.M. And came back to Ira Edwards & staid all night. Thunder shower in evening.

Friday, March 29, 1878

Ira & Lydia & Susie Edwards & I went with Ira's team up to Warren Bill's. Mr. H. Tracey's folks were there. Bennie & Emma Tracey came back to Apalachin with us and staid all night at Ira Edwards'.

Saturday 30

I went to Aunt Alvira G's in forenoon. PM. Evelyn & I went to Uncle John Holme's. Saw Mr. Camp & family, found all well. I staid at Ira Edwards again. Ben & Emma Tracey there yet.

Sunday 31

Bennie & Emma Tracy, Johnnie Yates & Lydia & Susie Edwards & myself went in a load & George & Pardon Tracey with a buggy up to Governure Yates' above Union. All came back to Harrison Tracey's about 9 P.M. Rainy & dark.

Monday, April 1, 1878

Lydia & Susie Edwards & I was at Mr. Tracey's. Vianna S. was there. All went to W. Bills in eve to a dance. Lydia & Susie & Vianna & I staid all night. Bennie Tracey & I went up to Little Meadows P.M. Today.

Tuesday 2

Bennie Tracey took Susie & Lydia & me down to Apalachin to Ira Edwards'. I staid to dinner Afternoon I went to Aunt A. Goodenow's. Staid there all night.

Wednesday 3

I was at Mrs. Goodenow's in forenoon. After dinner I took the stage & rode across the lower ferry there crossed back to the other side & went to Mr. J. Nichols & staid over night. Very pleasant & warm.

Thursday, April 4, 1878

I was at Mr. Justus Nichols'. Mr. Nichol's cut his foot 2 weeks ago today quite bat he goes on crutches. Gertrude home All well, left Owego 6:30 P.M. Arrived at Richford 7:21. Walked home. Got here at 9 o'clock P.M.

Friday 5

Father, the boys & I drawed manure. I went to the mill & got 1 load of lumber afternoon. Theresa E was here in A.M. Afternoon she & Mother went to H. Crandalls.

Saturday 6

I helped Father get ready to go to mill in the morning & he went to mill to Matt's Corners. I chored about home. In the evening I went with Judson Rounsevell to Slaterville to open Good Templar's Lodge. Rained.

Sunday, April 7, 1878

I staid at home wrote some, it rained.

Monday 8

I helped shell corn & get a grist ready for mill. C. Vandemark here afternoon. Father drawed some lumber home from mill. Cloudy weather.

Tuesday 9

Father went to Mott's Corners to mill. The boys & I fixed fence & chored about home. It rained some. Carrie & Etta Earsley here P.M.

Wednesday, April 10, 1878

We drawed manure. Father tagged some sheep. I chored about. Windy & cloudy weather. Rained a little. Father signed for history of this 4 counties.

Thursday 11

Father finished tagging sheep. Rained all the forenoon. Henry Yaple was here. Father & the boys & I moved the fence from the side of the orchard across the creek & built it up to the road.

Friday 12

In the forenoon Father plowed corn ground and the boys & I staked the fence that we laid up yesterday. Afternoon we moved some more fence & fixed some bars in the fence we staked. Showery. Hailed some.

Saturday, April 13, 1878

Quite cool. The boys & I drew the piles of rails where we had moved the fence from to the house for wood and manured the garden. I plowed it. Father trimmed apple trees & went to M. Robinsons' last night after wheat.

Sunday 14

Very pleasant. Theron went with Orville Surdam down to Uncle Richard's. I staid at home. Ruth S. finished her work at Mr. Wheaton's yesterday.

Monday 15

Pleasant & warm. I dragged out ground in morning and Father sowed oats. Afternoon I dragged the oats once over. Father & the boys cut up one apple tree afternoon Silas Watson worked here.

Tuesday, April 16, 1878

Sprinkled a little in morning. Cleared off early and I finished dragging in the oats before noon. Afternoon I went to Uncle Nathans and drew some fence posts & pannels [sic], then drew manure. Father, the boys split wood.

Wednesday 17

Very pleasant. Father & Willie went to Ithaca & got some oil & lead for paint & engaged Mr. Boice to paint our house. Theron, Frank & I fixed some fence & drew some potatoes in the garden. Aunt Ann Patch was here.

Thursday 18

Another pleasant day. In forenoon, Theron, Frank & I drew manure & Father grafted. P.M. I plowed Uncle Nathan's garden. Ruth L. N., took Mary & went to work for Judson Rounsevelle. Silas Matson split wood here.

Friday, April 19, 1878

First guiney [sic] egg today. P rolled our wheat and oats. Father trimmed some apple trees. Wm Rounsevell was here & helped put some new plank into the roller about noon. Pleasant.

Saturday 20

Sowed white Russian Rye. I finished plowing sod for corn and potatoes. Father trimmed trees. Judson Rounsevell got some grass seed here. Thunder showers about 7 A.M. And another in evening.

Sunday 21

Easter Sunday. Pleasant but quite cool. Grandfather was here. Ruth L & Mary was home all of the day. Plenty [sic] of eggs.

Monday, April 22, 1878

Henry Boice began painting our house, he painted west & front sides of upright in forenoon. P.M. It rained & he painted blinds. I plowed Aunt Ruth's garden. P.M. We cleaned up barley, had about 55 bush's.

Tuesday 23

Rained in morning, afternoon pleasant. Henry painted blinds until about 11 o'clock then painted outside. Father & Theron went to Besemer's Depot after plaster & lime & I scraped the loose paint off of the house & chored about.

Wednesday 24

Henry finished the first coat & put the 2nd onto the west end, Father drew a load of hay for C. Wightman. Grandfather was here fixing the house some. I trimmed [sic] apple trees in forenoon. P.M. Drewed manure. I was at Aunt Ruth's in eve.

Thursday, April 25, 1878

Began to take milk to factory. Rained hard last night & this morn. Pleasant P.M. I drewed some manure, Father sold 2 cows to Mr. Curtis for \$65. Father bought a hog of Rufus Welch for \$1.00. Mr. Boice painted 8 pair of blinds & the front of the house.

Friday 26

Father & I went up to Mr. Welch's and got the hog in forenoon. P.M. It rained. Mr. Boice painted back side of house in forenoon. Afternoon he finished blinds & painted back stoop. Last night took milk to factory for the first trip.

Saturday 27

Henry Boice finished painting the outside of the house this forenoon & went to Slaterville. Father went after the Dr. for Hayne's baby, & I chored about home. Afternoon Father took a tub of butter to Richford Depot & sent it to city. It rained, I made 2 gates.

Sunday, April 28, 1878

A little showery. I was at home all day. Ruth L Northrope & Mary was here part of the day.

Monday 29

Turned cows out to grass. We hung a couple gates. Fixed a little fence in A.M. Afternoon Theron & I drew manure onto the potato ground and Father, Frank & Willie took the young cattle & colt on other place.

Tuesday 30

I dragged & marked potato ground and Father & the boys chored about & got some potatoes ready to plant in forenoon. Afternoon we planted some potatoes. Pleasant & quite warm.

Wednesday, May 1, 1878

Pleasant, a little cloudy. We finished planting potatoes in forenoon. Afternoon we drew manure onto corn ground. Father trimmed a few apple trees.

Thursday 2

Rained a little in morning. Father dragged for Jackson Haynes on Uncle Nathan's side hill for oats. I chored about home fixed a gate, etc. the boys burned apple tree brush.

Friday 3

Pleasant day, Father, the boys & I worked on other place fixing fence & drawing stack bottoms off of the meadow for manure. Grass quite large.

Saturday, May 4, 1878

We got a grist ready in the forenoon & Father went to Richford to mill. Afternoon the boys & I sprouted some potatoes. Rained nearly all day. I went to Slaterville & joined the P O of G etc in evening.

Sunday 5

Rained all night & is raining yet 2 P.M. I staid at home. Ruth L. was here. Father, Mother & Ruth L.N. Went up to Philip Yapple's to see Ruth. She is better. Cleared off this afternoon.

Monday 6

Father went to Ithaca, I staid at home. Did not work. School Commenced today Miss Tyler teacher. She boards around. Staid here tonight. Pleasant & nice weather today.

Tuesday, May 7, 1878

Rained in forenoon. Father bought a hog of Fred Webb for \$6.00 & he & Theron brought it home. Afternoon we drew some manure on to corn ground.

Wednesday 8

We drew manure all day. Another pleasant day. Apple tree blossoms begin to fall off.

Thursday 9

Rained last night. We finished manuring corn ground in forenoon. Afternoon * dragged corn ground & Father trimmed apple trees.

Friday, May 10, 1878

Ruth L. came home this A.M. I finished dragging corn ground & began to mark it in forenoon. Afternoon it rained. I went to Slaterville & had 2 shoes put on that got pulled off in the mud. Old Tan had colt.

Saturday 11

I finished marking the corn ground in forenoon. P.M. I planted corn & Frank & Willie stuck pumpkin seeds. I went to Slaterville in the evening to the P O of G. Gr. Lodge. Broke wagon spring.

Sunday 12

Pleasant but very cool. Miss Tyler is staying with us over Sunday from Friday night until Monday morn. I staid about home. Father & Mother went to Gilbert Smith's to see him. He is very sick.

Monday, May 13, 1878

Very cold. Froze last night. I finished planting corn in forenoon & Theron stuck seeds. Afternoon Theron & Father took the sheep on other place. I staid about home. Uncle Gilbert Smith died about 3 o'clock this P.M.

Tuesday 14

Quite cold. Froze hard last night. Trees look quite yellow in places. Father & Mother gone to Delos Yapple's at Richford. I have been fixing some fence. Warm this afternoon but quite cool again tonight.

Wednesday 15

Froze again last night. Theron & I finished sprouting our early rose potatoes in A.M. Afternoon I cut some wood & chored about. Father puttied in some window glass. I was at Post Office a while afternoon.

Thursday, May 16, 1878

Cool but pleasant. Father, Mother, Theron & I went to Uncle Gilbert Smith's funeral, at 12 o'clock at the house. Aunt Mary & Lucetta Yaple was here to dinner & they & John McWhorter & wife & George Yaple & wife, & Delos Y & wife was here to supper.

Friday 17

I was at the Post Office start of the day & was at Aunt Urana Smith's a little while. Father & Mother went up to Uncle Horace Yaple's with Aunt Mary & Lucetta. Mr. Gail & wife was there. Nice warm day.

Saturday 18

Pleasant & warm. Father, Theron, Frank, Willie & I went on other place & burned brush all day. In the evening Judson Rounsevell & I visited Temperance Star lodge No. 384 P O of GT at Caroline Center.

Sunday, May 19, 1878

Pleasant & mild. I staid at home. Father & Mother went up on the other place. Henry Crum was here just night.

Monday 20

Rained in forenoon. We shelled corn & got a grist ready for mill. Afternoon Father went to Mott's Corners to mill. I was at the Post Office & at Henry Crum's. Miss Tyler staid here over night.

Tuesday 21

We had a hard thunder shower last night. We loaded a load of potatoes this forenoon. Afternoon Father went to Slaterville to get a horse shod. I chored about home. Father sold his potatoes for 25 cents per bush'l.

Wednesday, May 22, 1878

Father drew 2 loads of potatoes to Besemer's Depot 79 bushels in all. Mr. J. Hasbruck bought them. (Pleasant) Theron & I fixed some fence, helped load 1 load of potatoes & sprouted some.

Thursday 23

We drew a load of stakes off of the hill then Theron * I staked fence. Father plowed sod back of the barn for sowed corn. A warm & pleasant day.

Friday 24

I was at P.O. In A.M. Rained part of the day & Father went to Tryon's at Boiceville & had wagon Spring fixed. Theron & I dug up an apple tree afternoon. Miss Tyler staid here over night.

Saturday, May 25, 1878

Theron is 19 year old today. Father, the boys & I went on other place to burn brush. It rained before we got there so we brought a load of posts home with us. Afternoon Father puttied in some glass. I helped him. Miss Tyler was here.

Sunday 26

It has been showery all day, rain & then sunshine. I staid at home. Grandfather was here a little while. Father, Mother & Miss Tyler went on other place.

Monday 27

Father, Theron & I worked on the road drawing stones, sods & gravel etc. Father & Theron shoveled and I drove the team. Pleasant. Worked near Willow Bridge.

Tuesday, May 28, 1878

Very pleasant day. Father went to Ithaca with a load of cheese, took 80 & sold them for 10 cents per pound. I killed potato bugs & chored about home in the forenoon. Afternoon I went to C L Wattles' to help raise horse barn, had plenty of help.

Wednesday 29

Father plowed for sowed corn & Theron & I staked fence in the forenoon. Afternoon we shelled & tarred some corn & Father sowed and I dragged the corn in. Another pleasant day.

Thursday 30

Decoration day. A drizzling rain all day; Grandfather & wife was here. I fixed the skeleton seat some. Father plowed in A.M. Miss Tyler kept school. Commissioner James McLeachlin visited the school.

Friday, May 31, 1878

Father plowed sod back of the barn. Theron and * fixed fence from the barn to the road. A warm and pleasant day.

Saturday, June 1

Father finished plowing the lot back of the barn. The boys & I plastered the corn & potatoes. Pleasant. Judson Rounsevell & I went to Slaterville to the P O of G T lodge. I took 2 skeleton wheels to the shop.

Sunday 2

I staid about home. Father, Mother, Willie & Willie Northrop went to James Yaples. Ruth L. & Mary came home today. Fred Earsley & Charles Earsley was here. It has been a very nice & pleasant day.

Monday, June 3, 1878

Father, Theron & I worked on the road in forenoon we finished the tax. Afternoon we burned brush on the other place. Cloudy & warm.

Tuesday 4

Pleasant & warm. We worked on the other place. Frank Benjamin plowed on brush patch for buckwheat. Father plowed in forenoon. Afternoon he helped log up. Theron & I picked up & burned brush.

Wednesday 5

We worked on the other place again. Theron & I picked up and burned brush, and Father plowed north of the brush patch for buckwheat. Drewed a load of hay home with us. Very cool but pleasant.

Thursday, June 6, 1878

In the forenoon we shelled some corn, cleaned up some wheat & got a grist ready for mill. Afternoon Father went to Mott's corners to mill. Theron & I stuck up some lumber. Very pleasant.

Friday 7

Father went to Richford & was gone all day. Theron & I finished sticking up lumber and chored about. Warm & pleasant. I took Mill Tyler to Slaterville to Wm. Patches just at night.

Saturday 8

Rained all day. I made crossbar to skeleton thills [sic] & fixed springs on. There was to be a teachers meeting at Slaterville today but was none on account of the rain.

Sunday June 9, 1878

Pleasant but cool. Ruth L. Willie & Mary Northrop & Willie & I went up to Charley Earsley's. Uncle Richard was here at our house. Mr. Tryon came after Ruth L. to work for him. I went to Slaterville and got Miss Tyler.

Monday 10

Rained all day. In forenoon we got ready to wash sheep. Afternoon Father, Theron, Orville & I went on the other place fixed a place and washed the sheep. Pretty cool day.

Tuesday 11

Rained again today. I went up to Henry Crum's and got some lasts and Father & I fixed our boots. Cleared off just before night. Adelbert Patch came down.

Wednesday, June 12, 1878

Worked on other place. Rich Perry plowed in A.M. Father & Adelbert Patch plowed and Theron & I picked & burned brush until it began to rain which was about 3 o'clock. Then we loaded a load of hay & came home.

Thursday 13

Wm. Ruscher, Adelbert and Father plowed on the brush lot for buckwheat. Theron and I picked up and burned brush. We brought 2 loads of hay home.

Friday 14

Wm. Ruscher, Adelbert Patch plowed for buckwheat again. Father, Theron & I logged up & burned brush until most night then Father went to plowing. Brought 2 more loads of hay home.

Saturday, June 15, 1878

Very warm & pleasant. Wm. Ruscher plowed on the brush lot and Father plowed north of it. I finished picking up and burning. We brought a load of hay home with us. Theron planted the beans. Frank & Willie picked potato bugs.

Sunday 16

I staid at home. Charles & Harriet Earsley came down for Wightman's after a hired girl & called here a few minutes. Rained part of day.

Monday 17

Rained nearly all day, I fixed some paint & painted the skeleton put up a leak [sic] and chored about. Father fixed my boots some.

Tuesday, June 18, 1878

Pleasant all day. Father & I cultivated corn & potatoes. Orville Surdam & Theron hoed potatoes afternoon.

Wednesday 19

Father & I cultivated corn all day. Theron finished hoeing the potatoes and Father went to get James Webb to sheer our sheep. Very pleasant.

Thursday 20

Father, Theron, Orville Surdam and I went on the other place and cut & peeled 5 hemlock trees. Theron drove the sheep down with him at night. Warm and pleasant.

Friday, June 21, 1878

I cultivated corn in the forenoon. Afternoon it rained. James Webb & Leafayette Robinson sheared our sheep. They sheared 5 lbs & 5 oz, a head, 25 sheep. Theron & I took them on other place & got a load of hay just night.

Saturday 22

Rained most all day. Father went to Richford afternoon. I was at H. Crums & at the grocery fixed my fine boots some, & went to the Lodge at night.

Sunday 23

Staid at home. Ruth L and Mary was home today. Father & Mother went up on other place & to Wm. Ruscher's. Quite pleasant.

Monday, June 24, 1878

Father and I worked on the road up in Robinson Hollow District No. 89. Quite showery, rain & then sunshine. Turnpiked quite a long string of road.

Tuesday 25

Pleasant and warm. Miss Tyler staid here last night. Father went to Slaterville to get a horse shod & a scraper fixed. Afternoon Theron, I hoed in the garden. Frank is 16 years old today.

Wednesday 26

Pleasant & quite warm. Father & I worked on road in the hollow dist—89 in forenoon. Afternoon we sowed & dragged in our buckwheat back of barn.

Thursday, June 27, 1878

Very warm day. Father & I worked on other place sowing & dragging buckwheat north of the brush patch, & I dragged some of that. We had a swarm of bees & Theron hived them.

Friday 28

Theron & I worked on the other place. I dragged buckwheat ground & he dug roots loose. Father staid at home & made beehives & watched bees. Very warm again.

Saturday 29

I finished dragging buckwheat ground over & Theron & I drew off some roots. Father staid at home & went to Richford with William Rounsevell. It has been the warmest day this summer.

Sunday, June 30, 1878

I staid at home. It has been a very warm & pleasant day.

Monday, July 1

Father went to Mott's corners to mill with Mr. Rounsevell's horse. Theron & I worked on the other place drawing off roots & burning them. A very warm day. Willie is 10 years old today.

Tuesday 2

Father & I worked on the other place. We picked some stones in the morning, then Father sowed the buckwheat & I dragged until night. Another very warm & pleasant day.

Wednesday, July 3, 1878

Father cultivated corn in A.M. with J. A Haynes' horse. I worked on other place dragging in buckwheat until it began to rain which was about 2 o'clock, then drove to the barn & staid there until lightning struck the barn & burned it & the team & wagon up. Mr. Theleman brought me home.

Thursday 4

Father, Orin Rich & William Rounsevell went with Will's team on other place & brought the irons to the wagon home, piled timbers on to horses & finished burning them up. I was too lame to celebrate so staid at home all day. Miss Tyler went home today. Roads so bad could not get home last night.

Friday 5

Father & I took Grandfather's horse & went to Candor to see the Insurance Agent & to look for a horse, but found none that suited. Has been a very warm nice day.

Saturday, July 6, 1878

Pleasant & warm. Father & I borrowed Mr. Rounsevell's horse & went over to Mr. F. Smiths to look at a colt in forenoon. Afternoon Father went with Wm. Rounsevell to Richford to get a pump that was sent from Auburn to him.

Sunday 7

I was at home nearly all day. Went to Charles Earsley's just night to get one of his horses to cultivate corn with. When I got back I went to a blind man's concert at the School house.

Monday 8

Father & I cultivated corn with J. A. Haynes & Charley Earsley's horses. Theron hoed in the garden killed potato bugs, etc. It began to rain about 4 o'clock & we put the new pump into the well.

Tuesday, July 9, 1878

Father & I cultivated corn & potatoes a little while in the morning then it began to rain & rained until most noon. Afternoon we took Uncle Nathan's horse & buggy & went down to George Jennings' & looked at a \$130 colt he had.

Wednesday 10

We finished cultivating corn in the morning & went to hoeing potatoes. Mr. Smith came here with his colt for sale & George Jennings was here to sell his. Father bought Jennings' colt for \$115 & I went down & rode him home.

Thursday 11

We hitched the colt up with Jackson Haynes' horse & drove it some in the morning then we went up to Mr. Rounsevells' & helped him spread out & get in his hay. Theron & I hoed some potatoes just night.

Friday, July 12, 1878

It rained nearly all of the time from 8 A.M. Until 5 P.M. Father & I went to Slaterville with our wool. Got 35 cents per pound. Drove the colt with Jackson's horse. Good Templar's festival at Carne's this evening..

Saturday 13

Father went to Ithaca with Mr. Rounsevell's horse & got him some new collars & bridles, brought Gorton R. home from Besemer's depot. I hoed some potatoes & Theron & Frank took the yearling colt on other place. I went to lodge with Jud Rounsevell.

Sunday 14

Warm & pleasant. I went up to Aunt Ann Patch's afternoon. Silas & Lillie came down to bring Viola C. home & I rode home with them. Miss Tyler came back from Mr. Rummers tonight.

Monday, July 15, 1878

Commenced haying. Father mowed with the colt & Mr. Haynes' horse. William Rounsevell mowed with their team & machine in A.M. Theron & I finished hoeing potatoes & I put some Paris Green on them. We spread the hay out just night.

Tuesday 16

In forenoon Father mowed with the colt & old Fan & Mr. Rounsevell mowed . I poisoned some more potato bugs. Afternoon William R., Mr. Haynes & our folks drew in 8 loads of hay. It has been a very warm day.

Wednesday 17

We unloaded 2 loads of hay in the morning & Willie Rounsevell cut the remainder of the grass east of the house, then we turned over hay until noon. P.M. We drew 10 loads into the barn & shed. Jackson H. helped afternoon. Very warm, then, about 100.

Thursday, July 18, 1878

Hot, Hot. Father & Mr. Rounsevell mowed down acrost [sic] the creek in forenoon. William R. mowed around the lot & fence. I turned over the hay in the lot east of house. P.M. We cleaned the lot commenced to rain about 4 o'clock & rained till night.

Friday 19

Cloudy until most noon. We put new knives on knifebord [sic] & ground & got ready for business. Father mowed some & Theron & I shook out the hay before noon. P.M. We drew 5 loads. William R. & Jackson H. helped us.

Saturday 20

Father & William finished mowing last night & today. We finished haying here, built a stack down creek. Jackson helped afternoon. John Church began cutting our wheat & we raked bound & set up some. Another very warm day.

Sunday, July 21, 1878

We had quite a hard shower last night & it is cooler today. Father & I went on other place today, he drove the colt single for the first. Lottie Bush was here a short time.

Monday 23

Father & Mr. M. Rounsevell went to Slaterville with our horses & his wagon. Mr. Little, Gen. Agent of Glens Falls Insurance Co. & Mr. Mathews of Candor came to settle our loss & I went after Father with Mr. Rounsevell's horse. Everything settled up satisfactorily, red's \$486 ½.

Tuesday 23

Mr. Mathews staid here last night & he & Father went to Slaterville in forenoon. Theron & I bound wheat. Afternoon we helped Mr. Rounsevell spread hay, bound wheat, etc. John Church finished cutting our wheat. Has been a very pleasant day.

Wednesday, July 24, 1878

Father, Theron & I bound wheat in the forenoon. Afternoon we helped M. Rounsvell draw & stack hay back up the creek & draw some into the barn. We set our wheat up first night. Pleasant.

Thursday 25

Father finished raking our wheat up with the horse rake & he & Theron & I bound it in the forenoon. Afternoon Wm. Rounsevell & J. Haynes helped us get it all in the barn. Got Mr. Rounsevell's all in but part of a load.

Friday 26

We worked at Mr. Rounsevell's drawing in hay in forenoon. Afternoon Father & Wm. R. went to Besemer's Depot & to Mr. Rice's to look at reapers. Mr. Haynes, Theron & I drew 2 loads of hay into barn then it began to rain.

Saturday, July 27, 1878

Father & I went to Richford with M. Rounsevell's horse to see Mr. Corey about a reaper he had none so he & father went to Newark to see the agent there. I staid at D. Yaples till night

Sunday 28

A pleasant day. Fred Earsley was here & he & I went up to H. Crums, spent the afternoon. Miss Tyler came back just night. Father drove the colt to Ithaca this P.M.

Monday 29

William R. & I spread out some hay in the morning, then he went to Richford to get the reaper. Theron raked the wheat scatterings up. Father got home Ithaca about noon then we drew in the hay. The ag'ts [agent] set reaper up & began work.

Tuesday July 30, 1878

Rained nearly all day. Father & Will Rounsevell went to Speedsville to see Mr. Blackman about reaper & Theron & I got grist ready & I went to Mott's Corners to mill.

Wednesday 31

The agent Mr. _____ from Newark was up and they tried the reaper & Father & Mr. Rounsevell bought it together, they gave \$75 for it. We reaped till most night when it began to rain.

Thursday, August 1

Father reaped & Jackson Haynes, Will R. Theron & I bound until noon, then Will, Theron & I set them up, when it began to rain. William & I fixed reaper some afternoon.

Friday, August 2, 1878

Father reaped oats & Will R., J. Haynes, Theron & I bound till noon. After dinner we set them up. Had a little sprinkle when it dried off a little we went to work & worked till night.

Saturday 3

Rained last night. Father & Mr. Rounsevell cut down a piece of grass in morning, then Father finished reaping their oats & Will, Theron & I bound & J. Haynes set them up. Afternoon we drew all of the hay in.

Sunday 4

A very pleasant day. I went with Jackson Haynes to McLean to attend a Spritual Grove Meeting, com home via Slaterville. Ruth L. Northrop & Mary was home.

Monday, August 5, 1878

We worked for M. Rounsevell Father and Mr. R. mowed & Theron spread hay. Mr. Haynes, Will R. & I mowed lodged barley with a scythe. Father, Mr. Haynes & Theron put up some hay just night we had a shower.

Tuesday 6

Rained hard last night & this morning. Will Rounsevell & I finished mowing their barley this forenoon. Afternoon it rained had heavy thunder, Father staid at home * mended some boots & shoes.

Wednesday 7

Father, Theron & I worked at Mr. Rounsevell's. We spread hay in A.M. Afternoon we drew hay into the little barn. Jackson Haynes worked there. We had a little sprinkle just night. Lodema Schoonmaker came here.

Thursday, August 8, 1878

Good Templers picnic at Freeville. No school. Father, the boys & I worked at M. Rounsevell's until most noon. Father & Mr. Rounsevell finished the mowing & we spread hay & barley. J. Haynes cradled around our oats & Father reaped 3 times around. Will R., the boys & I bound & set them up, then it rained.

Friday 9

We stirred out Mr. Rounsevell's hay in forenoon. Father went to Slaterville . Afternoon we drew their barley in & 1 load of hay, then put up the rest of the hay.

Saturday 10

Father, Theron & I worked at Mr. Rounsevell's. We opened some hay & we & Mr. Haynes, Will put 10 loads of hay into a stock & 3 into the barn. Finished haying for Mr. Rounsevell. Father built the stack. School today. Just a little sprinkle.

Sunday, August 11, 1878

A very pleasant day. Miss Tyler is here today. I took her home to Richford & back this afternoon. We went to Church & heard the colored singers that are to give a concert tomorrow evening.

Monday 12

I am 23 years old today. Father cut the remainder of our oats with the reaper and Hiram Straight, Wm Rounsevell, Theron & I bound & set them up. It has been a very pleasant day.

Tuesday 13

H. Straight, Will R., Father, Theron & I drew in Mr. Rounsevell's oats & 3 loads of ours. We drew with two teams. Drewed 12 loads for Mr. R. Another peasant day.

Wednesday, August 14, 1878

H. Straight, Wm. Rounsevell, Father, Theron & I finished drawing our oats into the barn. Drewed 12 loads today & 3 yesterday. (15 loads off of 5 acres) Pleasant today.

Thursday 15

Commenced haying on other place. William Rounsevell helping us. Father mowed & Will, Theron & I put up some hay. Rained just before night so had to stop work.

Friday 16

Father finished mowing south half of the meadow, he broke the pitman & went to Harford & got it mended. Will & I mowed some with a scythe and we put up some hay. No rain today.

Saturday, August 17, 1878

Wm. Rounsevell, Father, Theron & I worked on the other place. We put 5 loads of hay into a stack, then it began to rain so we had to quit and come home.

Sunday 18

Pleasant all day. Ruth L Northrop & Mary was home today. I was at H. Crums this P.M. Henry is at Camp meeting. S. L. Schoonmaker is here. She has been visiting around days & staying here nights.

Monday 19

Cloudy most all day, with a very little sprinkle. Father, Theron, Will R. & I worked at haying on other farm. Finished mowing and topped out the hay stack.

Tuesday, August 20, 1878

We finished up haying. I raked the hay & loaded last load. Father, Theron & William Rounsevell drewed and stacked it, Father built the stack. Pleasant all day.

Wednesday 21

We fixed some fence, drewed some wood to the house & chored about. Afternoon Father went & took Mother & Aunt Ruth to Benson Norris's, Lodema Schoonmaker went back to Aunt Urana Smith's.

Thursday 22

A very pleasant day. Uncle Nathan, Father, Theron, Frank, Willie & myself went to the fire men's parade at Ithaca. There were 25 or more fire companies besides 14 or 15 bands in the procession. Streets were decorated with arches, evergreens & flags. Streets crowded with people.

Friday, August 23, 1878

Pleasant today. Father commenced plowing oat stubble for wheat. School closed today. I visited School this afternoon, there is 35 scholars registered this term.

Saturday 24

Theron, Frank, Willie & I went a blackberrying today. I picked 8 quarts. We all got about 3 pecks together. Father plowed for wheat. Aunt Emily, Aunt Ruth & Viola Crum visited here. Rained just night.

Sunday 25

I was at Henry Crum's afternoon & had my hair cut. Father & Willie went up on the other farm. Pleasant & warm.

Monday, August 26, 1878

Theron, Frank, Willie & I went up on other place after the lambs. Theron & Frank took pails with them so when we got to E. Perry's they stopped & picked 20 qts of blackberries. Father plowed for wheat.

Tuesday 27

Theron & I dug potatoes (our early rose) & Frank & Willie picked them up. Potatoes small & rotting some. Father plowed. Ruth L & Mary came home last night. Jennie Smith came with them to fix R. L. Northrop's new dress.

Wednesday 28

I tended Post Office. Aunt Ruth & Arville went to Ithaca. Father plowed in forenoon. Francis Surdam, Eliza Hults & Seth Surdam & wife visited at our house. Went at Uncle Nathan's in evening. Ruth L. went back to Mr. Tryon's. Jennie Smith staid all night here.

Thursday, August 29, 1878

E. Perry & co thrashed for us. We had 250 bushels of oats & 75 of wheat in all. Did not get quite done. Jennie Smith went home this evening. Seth Surdam & wife, F. Surdam & Eliza Hults went back to Harford in this P.M.

Friday 30

We finished threshing this forenoon. Afternoon Sallie Rounsevell & myself visited Fanny Smith's school at Rosin Hollow Hill, drove his team.

Saturday 31

We got a grist ready for mill in the A.M. And Father went to Mott's Corners to mill. P.M. I helped Mr. Rounsevell draw in some hay & cut some brush. I went to Slaterville to lodge with J. Rounsevell in eve. We had a degree meeting.

Sunday, September 1, 1878

Theron & I went on other place to see to the sheep & cattle. I drove Jim. Pleasant & warm.

Monday 2

Father finished plowing for wheat & we drew a load of wood. I chored about & cut some bushes, the boys helped. Rained just night.

Tuesday 3

Father & I went to Slaterville. We took the irons to the wagon that was burned to get them new wooded but it would cost so much that we brought them back. Rained P.M. The boys went a berrying.

Wednesday, September 4, 1878

We drew some stones off of the wheat ground in the forenoon. Afternoon it rained quite hard & we put soap into a barrel we got at Slaterville yesterday.

Thursday 5

We moved part of the stack of straw into the barn & cleaned up the barn floor & around the stack. Mrs. Dewey from Ill & R. L. Northrop & Mary came here. Rained some.

Friday 6

We chored about & visited in forenoon. Afternoon we picked the rem. Of the stones off of wheat ground & drawed what manure there was onto it. Ruth L. & Mary went back to Mr. Tryon's.

Saturday, September 7, 1878

In the forenoon Father went & took Mrs. Dewey to Mr. Smith's on the hill near Richford & went to Richford. I cut bushes & chored, the boys boiled hog feed. Afternoon I dragged wheat ground. Theron went hunting.

Sunday 8

Father & Mother went up to Charles Earsley's. I staid at home. Pleasant & warm. Our young cattle came home from other place.

Monday 9

I dragged wheat ground. Theron, Frank & Willie cut some corn. Father went on other place to see if the colt & sheep were there, he took gun & killed 6 squirrels, 2 woodchucks, etc. Frank Yaple bought 4 yearl's [yearling's] off us.

Tuesday, September 10, 1878

I went up to Silas Patch's & got drill in forenoon. Afternoon I drilled in 5 acres of wheat. Father & the boys cleaned up the wheat and cut come corn. Very pleasant.

Wednesday 11

A little lowery part of day. We cut a little corn & sowed corn, meat ale, wheat ground and chored about. Drawed up a few pumpkins & apples & boiled some hog feed.

Thursday 12

Stormy in morning. Father went to Slaterville & got his horses shod. Uncle Wm. & Frank Yaple came & got yearlings. The boys & I cut corn in the afternoon. Theressa Earsley was here.

Friday, September 13, 1878

Mrs. Church & Sue visited here last evening. Stormed all day. We chored about the barn. I was at the Post Office part of day.

Saturday 14

Pleasant again. Father went & took the drill home in the morning. The boys & I cut corn. We finished cutting. Father took Mary Crandall, Aunt Ruth & Mother to Uncle Richard's. I went to Caroline Ctr. to lodge.

Sunday 15

Pleasant today. I staid at home. Henry Crum and Elbert Beckman was here part of day.

Monday, September 16, 1878

Father & I helped M. Rounsevell thresh, worked our team on machine. I cut bands. The boys cut bushes and alders. Pleasant & warm.

Tuesday 17

We drew up some pumpkins & apples & got some hog feed boiling then dug potatoes 'til noon. Afternoon rye cut & the buckwheat back of the barn with reaper & bound some of it.

Wednesday 18

We finished setting up buckwheat & drew the remainder of the sowed corn into the barn in the forenoon. Afternoon we finished digging potatoes and drew them into the barn. We had ½ acre, 50 bushels. 30 of seedlings & 20 of early rose.

Thursday, September 19, 1878

Father and I went up on other place & cut buckwheat & raked & set it up. The boys unloaded the potatoes, boiled hog feed & chored about home. Aunt Jane & J.(or P) D. Yapple visited here.

Friday 20

Father & Miles A. Lawrence cut and Theron & I raked & set up buckwheat. We had 3 acres of new & 1 of old ground. They finished the buckwheat on the new ground & cut part of old ground. Pleasant & quite warm today.

Saturday 21

Rained all day. We chored about. I made a new arm to the reaper rake that we broke cutting buckwheat and went down to Uncle Richard's & to Clint Allen's to warn them out on the road Monday.

Sunday, September 22, 1878

Pleasant but quite cool. I staid at home. Cold tonight.

Monday 23

Very heavy frost last night. Father worked on the road in Robinson Hollow. I finished cutting our buckwheat & Theron & I raked & set it all up. Eli Earsley & Clinton Allen worked out their 1/3 tax on road & Rufus Welch worked all day. I helped after I got our work done.

Tuesday 24

The boys & I tore the old hog pen down & cleaned up around it. Father did not work, he has a boil that bothers him. Very pleasant today.

Wednesday, September 25, 1878

Pleasant & warm. We measured the ground for wall to hog house & dug the ditch. We plowed & shoveled it out. Orville helped us. Then we picked 3 loads of stone & put in it.

Thursday 26

I went up in the hollow to oversee Rufus Welch's work on road as Father was not well enough to go. Rained so that we worked but $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. I called at Eb Avery's to see how he was getting along – he had his leg broke last night.

Friday 27

Pleasant today. We picked stones in forenoon & put them into the ditch. Mr. Mathews & Mr. Ward took dinner here. Afternoon we cleaned out barn floor & then threshed buckwheat until night. Cold tonight.

Saturday, September 28, 1878

We threshed buckwheat all day, drawed it on bob sleighs from the lot back of the barn. Cool north-west wind & very pleasant so threshed nicely. I went to Slaterville with J. C. Rounsevell to Lodge & Degree meeting.

Sunday 29

Pleasant but cool. Ruth L. Northrop finished work at Mr. Tryons' & came home last night. Ruth L & her children & I went up to Charles Earsley's to see his young sow.

Monday 30

We finished threshing buckwheat & cleaned it up & put it in the granary. We had 18 bushels. Pleasant all day but cloudy in morning. Father has a boil where his truss sets so cannot wear it & can't work.

Tuesday, October 1, 1878

Pleasant & warm. We took care of the light buckwheat, cleaned out the barn floor & drawed in a load of corn in the forenoon. Afternoon I went up in Robinson Hollow to see if Rufus W. had worked anymore on road & Father went to Richford to return his unworked road tax.

Wednesday 2

The boys & I picked apples. Apples are very scarce in our orchard. We picked about 15 bushels today. Rained a little. Quite cool. Apples rot some on trees.

Thursday 3

Pleasant today. The boys & I picked stones & finished filling up the ditch, are going to move wagon house for hog house & workshop. We picked a few stones for wall afternoon.

Friday, October 4, 1878

We helped Father get a grist of wheat & buckwheat ready for mill. Father went to mill & the boys & I finished picking our winter apples & most of the other apples. Father went to Besemer's Depot & got lime, while grain was grinding. Dr. Henderson left Aunt Ruth's this A.M. For the city.

Saturday 5

Father & I went up north of Slaterville to the Willie place & got a load of sand in forenoon. Saw steam power threshing at Slaterville. Afternoon we got a load of quarry stone out of creek up by Luther Welch's.

Sunday 6

John & Elbert Beckman was here last night to help make out a school report. Staid at home. Pleasant but cool. Ruth L. went to Orin Rich's to work tonight. To work 2 or 3 weeks.

Monday, October 7, 1878

In the forenoon Eb Perry threshed our buckwheat on the other place had about 70 bushels. Wm Rounsevell & Wm. Ruscher and Frank Benjamin helped. Afternoon Uncle Richard brought our fanning mill home & we cleaned & put the buckwheat in the bin. Heavy frost this morn.

Tuesday 8

Rained last night. Father went to Richford to take school report & pay Miss Tyler the balance of wages for teaching school. The boys & I put the light buckwheat away while he was gone. Got 1 load of stones from Welch's & 2 from O P Rich's. H. Crum commenced squaring corner stones this afternoon.

Wednesday 9

Henry Crum cut corner stones & Father & I went up to Welch's & got a load of stones this forenoon. P.M. Henry put up his lines & began laying wall he got corners all up. The boys & I picked stones. Father went with Luther W. to look at hound puppy. Rained some of afternoon.

Thursday, October 10, 1878

The boys & I picked stones on Orin Rich's side hill this forenoon. Afternoon we drew in corn & piled it on barn floor. Henry laid wall all day & Father helped some. Pleasant.

Friday 11

Father bought hound pup. Henry worked all day at wall he laid outside & Father the inside. I tended mason in forenoon. Afternoon Willie & I went & got a load of sand. Uncle Nathan's folks gone to Seymour Hults. Theron & I staid there all night & done chores.

Saturday 12

Father & Henry laid wall all day. I tended mason & banked up the wall. The boys boiled hog feed. We boil every other day. Sometimes oftener. Father, Henry, L. Welch, F. Benjamin & the boys went cooning tonight. I staid at home.

Sunday, October 13, 1878

Ruth L. was home today. Henry, Phineus & Charles Crum was here a short time. Theron & I went up on other place to salt sheep & colt. Father & Mother went over to Aunt Urana Smith's to see Mary Murry this evening.

Monday 14

Father, Frank, Willie & I went to Ithaca. Bought new stove, 6 pf of boots & 4 of shoes, etc. I had my watch cleaned. Simeon & Lydia Brown of Apalachin and Mr. & Mrs. C. Winston & Julia Winston of Union came here this P.M. & staid all night. Aunt Ruth & Uncle Nathan here in eve.

Tuesday 15

Father & Mother went with the company to Benson Norris' and as they were away, they went to Daniel Quick's and to Johnson Quick's' in the evening. The company staid all night. Father & Mother came home about 11 o'clock P.M. I finished the wall for hog house.

Wednesday, October 16, 1878

Pleasant & quite warm. Father helped Uncle Richard thresh. The boys & I killed a sheep, boiled hog feed, husked corn and so on. Viola Crum helped Mother. Mr. & Mrs Winston & Mr. & Mrs. Brown came back here tonight. Julia staid at J. Quick's.

Thursday 17

Father & I fixed hog rack in forenoon. Afternoon Father took 2 hogs to Richford. Grandfather & wife & Mrs. Gosley & son was here. Mr. Winston & Brown & Julia & Quick's folds went to Ithaca to horse trot, was all at Uncle Nathans in evening. Julia staid at our house the others staid at Uncle Nates.

Friday 18

Rained all day hard. We all visited at Uncle Nathans afternoon. Uncle Richard, Theresa & Esther A was there. Simeon & Lydia Brown staid here all night. Julia Winston is about sick with cold. Some snow this afternoon an inch deep.

Saturday, October 19, 1878

Rained hard most all day. Simeon & Lydia Brown was here. Mr. Winston & family was at Uncle Nath, Mr. Brown & wife & Mr. Winston & wife went up to Aunt Anna Patch's this P.M. Julia staid at Uncle Nathan. I was at Uncle N's part of the day.

Sunday 20

Uncle Nathan & Aunt Lovica, Father & Mother went up to Aunt Ann's & Grandfather's today. Julia W. , Carrie & Ella was here a short time then we all went to Aunt Ruth Surdam's. In the evening I visited at Uncle N's with Julia & the girls, the rest of the company were at Aunt Ruth's.

Monday 21

Mr. & Mrs. Winston & Brown & wife started for home this morning. Julia was not well, so staid at Uncle Nathan's. Mr. Schutt commenced to pull our stumps on top of the hill this A.M. & Henry S. pulled some loose ones with the oxen. I worked on the hill.

Tuesday, October 22, 1878

Pleasant with cool wind. I went to Richford in the forenoon to take a letter that Julia wished to have sent to Mr. Winston telling him that she would be home next Friday. Schutt got machine mended this forenoon. P.M. We pulled stumps.

Wednesday 23

Rained all day. I was at the Post Office in the forenoon. Afternoon & evening I was at Uncle Nathan's. Aunt Ann & Viola Crum was there fixing dress & getting Aunt A. ready to go home with Julia Winston next Friday. Elie Earsley was here part of forenoon.

Thursday 24

I went to Mott's Corners to mill. Julia Winston came over here this morning & staid all night. Aunt Ruth & Orville was here in the evening. Schutt & Henry was here pulling stumps . Father & the boys helped, I went to the lower mill & got home at 4 o'clock.

Friday, October 25, 1878

A very pleasant day. Julia Winston staid here until after dinner then Uncle Nathan took her & Aunt Ann to depot at Richford. We pulled Stumps all day & finished the lot. Henry did not help today.

Saturday 26

The boys & I drew a load of husked corn from the barn to corn-house & a load of pumpkins in morning then finished drawing the corn from field into the barn & some stalks for J. Haynes. We had Hayne's horse. Father went to Richford to see J. Leonard & see about lumber for hog-house.

Sunday 27

Rained & snowed today. I staid at home. Father went on other place. Ruth L. & Mary was home today. Quite cool weather.

Monday, October 28, 1878

Pleasant but quite cool. The boys & I husked corn & boiled hog feed. Father went to Cleveland's saw mill & got a load of 24 ft timber for the hog-house. J. A. Haynes & myself went to a Republican meeting at Nerhood [sic] church this evening. Rev. E. R. Wilde & Mr. Howe speakers.

Tuesday 29

Father drew another load of lumber 24 & 30 ft sticks of timber. The boys & myself husked corn & done chores. Quite cool weather, frost most every night.

Wednesday 30

Rained nearly all day. We drew a load of wood & husked some corn. Father & Frank went & fixed a bridge district No 39 near the other place. Theron & I killed a sheep. Mr. Johnson came to begin work on the hog-house, P.M.

Thursday, October 31, 1878

Pleasant again today. Mr. John Johnson commenced work on the hog-house. I helped beat out mortise's & Father axed the logs, got load of shingle timber from down the creek finished gathering the pumpkins & 1 tree of apples.

Friday, November 1

Very cool & frosty this morning warm P.M. Father got another load of timber from Cleveland's. Mr. J. Johnson & I finished framing the sills & most of the beams. The boys bored some & husked corn. Aunt Urana Smith, Fanny S. & Leroy Smith's wife & children visited here.

Saturday 2

Mr. J. & I finished framing the beams & plates. Father drew another load of lumber from Cleveland's today & took a load to C. Allen's to be plained. Began to rain just night.

Sunday, November 3, 1878

Some stormy & cool. I staid at home all day. Ruth L. Northrup finished work at Orin Rich's & came home today. Henry staid & H. Crum was here. Our carpenters name is Mr. Janson instead of Johnson.

Monday 4

Cold & snowing some. Mr. Janson & I carried some scantling into barn & made braces. Father got another load of lumber from Cleveland's today. The boys boiled hog feed.

Tuesday 5

I went to Caroline Cen [Center] to election with Uncle Nathan. Jr. J. worked here most all day he went to Slaterville to vote. We finished long posts. Father, H. Crum, H. Speed, Luther Welch & Theron went fox hunting & did not go to vote. Quite cold & frosty air.

Wednesday, November 6, 1878

About 2 inches of snow this morning. Father went hunting & shot a fox. Mr. Janson & I worked framing short posts & girts. The boys done chores & bored some. Very cook today.

Thursday 7

I helped Mr. J. frame the rafters, joice etc. We got all through framing the building. Father & the boys went on the hill & got a log for finish timber. It began to snow again tonight.

Friday 8

Snowed most all day. Snow is about 14 inches deep tonight. Mr. J. made the pins this forenoon & went home on account of the snow could not raise the building. Father went on the other place to let the sheep into the meadow & brought the colt home.

Saturday, November 9, 1878

We chored about home, fixed manger & cleaned straw out of the cow-stable at the shed so we could put the cows in. Allmost [sic] every one are using lights today, but the sleighing is poor with mud under it.

Sunday 10

Staid at home Uncle Richard was here today. Snow is going off fast but some are using sleighs.

Monday 11

School began today, Teacher Mr. Barber. Snow is nearly all gone. We drew a load of wood & chored about in the forenoon. Afternoon took the lambs up on other place, killed a sheep & got things picked up for winter.

Tuesday, November 12, 1878

Mr. Janson, Father, Orville Surdam & I put the sills on the wall & the bents together in the A.M. Afternoon we went to Isaac Matson's to the raising of his horse barn, then the hands came from there to our house & raised the hog house.

Wednesday 13

We had a hard shower in the morning, then * helped Mr. J. straighten the rafters up & then we boarded up both sides & the north end up to the beam. Ruth L. Northrop & her children went up to Charles Earsley's.

Thursday 14

Pleasant & snow all gone. Father got a load of roof boards from Richford & a load of planed boards from C. Allen's. Mr. J & myself boarded up the north gable end & the south end to the railroad track for door & Mr. J Got that ready to put up.

Friday, November 15, 1878

Father got another load of boards from Richford. I helped Mr. Jansen fix door track & board up the front end of building. Father got the rest of his lumber from Carlton Allen's.

Saturday 16

A very cold south wind this forenoon but warmer afternoon. I helped Mr. J. put the cornice on the hog house. Father & the boys piled up wood down the creek. I went to Slaterville to Lodge in the evening.

Sunday 17

Rained all day. I staid at home. Henry Crum was here this afternoon. Raining hard tonight.

Monday, November 18, 1878

Boys to school. In the forenoon Father, Mr. Janson & I put the roof boards on hog house. Rained some & Mr. J. went to Carl Allen's afternoon. Came back & we put 3 courses shingles on. Husked corn in evening.

Tuesday 19

Frank Head, John Church, H. Crum, Mr. Janson, Father & I shingled til 10 o'clock then it rained until noon. Afternoon we shingled until night and got the building half shingled.

Wednesday 20

Head, Church, Crum, Mr. J., Father & I finished shingling hog house in forenoon. Afternoon Father & Mr. Janson went to Cleveland's to get battens. I made a new hammer handle.

Thursday, November 21, 1878

Mr. Brown, the ag't [agent] for the Owego Patent Spring Wagon Co. was here & sold Father a wagon for \$100. Father went to Cleveland's & got a load of notched flooring for the hog house. I helped Mr. Janson make 5 window frames & casings.

Friday 22

Rained all day hard. I helped Mr. J. put the window frames & casings into the hog house. Uncle Richard was here. The boys & Mr. J., Father & I husked corn in the evening.

Saturday 23

Rained nearly all day. Father & the boys husked corn. Mr. Johnson [Jansen] put the door casing on & got everything ready for battens [sic]. I helped some. I went to Slaterville to lodge in the evening.

Sunday, November 24, 1878

Pleasant but very muddy. Fred Earsley was here. I went up to H. Crum's with him. I went to Richford in the evening to take a book to Mr. Tyler's. Called at D. Yapple's.

Monday 25

I helped Mr. Janson put some battens on the front end of hog house in the morn, then it rained & he drew a plan for horse barn. I painted the sash & then we finished putting battens on front end.

Tuesday 26

Father got a grist ready & went to Mott's Corner's to mill. Mr. Jansen & I finished putting battens on the hog house and began to lay the floor. No rain today.

Wednesday, November 27, 1878

Father went Uncle Richard's & got a load of plank for hot pen floor. Mr. J. & I finished the lower front floor & commenced to get ready to lay hog pen floor.

Thursday, 28

Thanksgiving Day. No school the remainder of week. Rained all day. We laid the hog pen floor & fixed partitions on east half, so that we put the fattening hogs in first night.

Friday 29

Father plowed & drew some manure away from basement door and put stone door sill in. I fixed the west hog pen. Mr. Janson made the trough and put it in, and he made the large rolling door & I hung it. Pleasant. Orville & I went to Temperance meeting over north.

Saturday, November 30, 1878

Mr. Janson finished working & hanging the outside doors. Theron helped him. Father plowed all day long. I made a slide door & an inside swing door. I went to Slaterville in evening there was no lodge. Mrs. Gallagher is sick.

Sunday, December 1

Pleasant today. Theron & I went on other place to salt the sheep. Father & Mother went up to Grandfather's.

Monday 2

Rained hard all day. I was about the house all of the A.M. Afternoon I fitted and hung the inside hog pen door. It slacked up raining & Father and Henry Crum went rabbit hunting just night.

Tuesday, December 3, 1878

Father plowed all day. Mr. Jansen came with his team after his tools and fitted the sash & made window stops. I helped, & chored about. I was at Uncle Nathan's in evening until he & Aunt Lovica came home from Ithaca.

Wednesday 4

Snowed last night & is snowing today. Quite warm & snow melting. Father & H. Crum went fox hunting. I chored about home. Elbert BN. Was here³ in the forenoon. I was at H. Crum's in evening.

Thursday 5

Father, Henry Crum & Luther Welch went fox hunting in forenoon. I got a grist ready in the forenoon and went to Slaterville to mill, took 2 boys with Skeleton wagon. More snow today.

Friday, December 6, 1878

Quite cool. Snow 4 inches deep. I chored about home. Father & I fixed the wood house floor & drew a load of wood. Grandfather & wife was here. Uncle Nathan, Aunt Lovica, Henry Crum & wife & Father & Mother visited at H. Speed in the evening.

Saturday 7

Father, Frank & Willie went fox hunting. I went up to Beckman's & got some glass and Theron & I went on the other place & foddered the sheep & brought 1 home to butcher. I went to Slaterville in the evening to lodge.

Sunday 8

Pleasant & quite warm today wind Southeast. I staid at home. Charles Church and Orville Surdam was here in evening.

Monday, December 9, 1878

Theron & I butchered a sheep in the morn. Snowed in morning but soon turned to rain & rained the rest of the day hard. Father & I marked plan for horse barn. I went to C. L. Wattles in the evening to see about getting a cheese.

Tuesday 10

Rained hard all day. Water is very high clear up to the bridges. I helped Uncle Nathan move some corn stalks & put the glass into 2 windows for hog house with zine points & putty. Father has a lame shoulder.

Wednesday 11

It is snowing some. Water in the cellars 6 inches in ours & 2 ½ ft in Aunt Ruth's. I went over & moved some of her things out in A.M. Father & I finished putting the glass in the sash and put them into the Hog house. Quit raining last night.

Thursday, December 12, 1878

Colder & snowing some. Water settling fast today. Father went on other place to fodder the sheep and to Mr. Cleveland's to see about getting lumber for horse barn, and got horse shod at Richford. I staid at home to see to the chores.

Friday 13

In the forenoon Willie & I went to Slaterville. I bought a Kaleidoscope for 15 cents. Father cut some logs for stringers to the bridge. Afternoon we drew them off of the hill. Carrie Earsley & Sarah Crum visited here. I went to Union Valley Temperance meeting in evening. [Union Valley now known as Canaan.]

Saturday 14

A little more snow. Father & H. Crum went a fox hunting & got fox in a hollow log. The boys & I drew some wood in forenoon. Father came home before night & we drew string pieces acrost [sic] the creek. Judson R. went with me to lodge in evening.

Sunday, December 15, 1878

Quite cold today. The water is all out of our cellar. Orville Surdam went with me on the other place to fodder the sheep. Orville, Theron & I went to Union Valley to church in the evening. Mr. Wilber preached.

Monday 16

Father & I worked all day straightening up the stringers, getting the plank on & filling up at the end of the bridge with gravel. J. A. Haynes, Willie & I went to temperance meeting in evening at U. Valley.

Tuesday 17

I went on other place & foddered the sheep in forenoon. Father went a hunting . Afternoon I was about the house. Father & I went up to Mr. J. Cooper's to see about lumber for horse barn but he was away from home.

Wednesday, December 18, 1878

Father & Theron went to Owego & got our new patent Spring Platform wagon of Moore & Ross. They had a good time. Some rough but no wind. I staid at home & at Aunt Ruth's fixed her clock.

Thursday, 19

We put some logs on the end of the bridge to hold the plank & drew up some wood in the forenoon. Afternoon we chored about. H. Crum was here. Cold & snowed some. In the evening Father & I went up to J. Coopers' & let him have bill of lumber for horse barn at \$7 per M [1000 board feet].

Friday 20

Cold & stormed some. Father & H. Crum went fox hunting. I went up on other place to fodder the sheep and to Mr. Rounsevell's to see about a scalding tub to kill hogs tomorrow. Frank & I went to the Temperance meeting at U. Valley.

Saturday, December 21, 1878

Stormed all day. John Church helped in butchering. We killed beef & I went on the hill & got a load of pole wood and got the water hot before dinner. Afternoon we butchered 1 hog & 2 Spring's pigs. I went to Slaterville to lodge in the evening.

Sunday 22

Father & Willie went on the other place & foddered the sheep. I went up to Aunt Ann Patch's & to Silas'. He has just moved into his new house. Wind west & blowed quite hard.

Monday 23

Cold west wind. I went to Slaterville to mill & got our saw that was at Lawrence Shop being filed. Father hooped a cider barrel and Mother washed. We got the pork in the cellar this A.M.

Tuesday, December 24, 1878

Very cold this morning. 6 degrees above zero. Father & I sawed the beef down & cut it up & hung it out to freeze, then Father put a hoop on the washtub. We cut up the port in evening.

Wednesday 25 – Christmas

Cool west wind. In the forenoon I went on the other place with J. Hayne's horse, Father drew a load of wood for Haynes & one for ourselves. Afternoon we drew manure, the boys helped. No school today.

Thursday 26

Father & I drew manure from the basement across the creek on to the corn stubble. In the evening Father packed the port and the rest of us cut the sausage meat. Quite cold today.

Friday, December 27, 1878

Father & I went on the other place and foddered the sheep. Cut 13 logs for lumber and brought a load of hay home with us at night. Orville S., Charles Crandall, Theron & I went over north to meeting in the evening.

Saturday 28

In the forenoon we put the stove up in the hog house & got the bobsled in there & began to fix it. Afternoon, Father put a new tongue into the bobsled & put a hoop on the ham barrel. The boys & I drew manure. In the evening Judson hitched his horse up with our Jim & our sleigh & we saw Jennie & Fanny Smith. Went to Lodge No. 234.

Sunday 29

I went up on other place & foddered the sheep, then just before night went up to Henry Crum's & got my hair cut, and to Mr. Higgins in the evening. Mr. C. Baldwin was there.

Monday, December 30, 1878

Father & I chored about all the forenoon, Afternoon I went up to J. Cooper's mill & got a load of lumber. In the evening I went and took Judson Rounsevell, Mr. Baldwin, Clara Higgins, Sue Crum & Jennie Smith to Slaterville to the annual Supper of the I.O of G T Crystal Fountain Lodge.

Tuesday 31

Father went a hunting I drew some wood to the house from down the creek in the forenoon. Afternoon Mother & I went up to Aunt Ann Patch's and staid the evening. Lillie was helping Aunt Anna get ready for New Years. Father is at Uncle Nathan's tonight taking care of Mr. Slater's sick horse that has been there so long.

“The End of the year 1878.”

The following are from pages at the back of the diary, and not in the same handwriting:

FROM MEMORANDA PAGES April 22, 1878 – We are having very early Spring this year. Cherry trees are beginning to blossom the principal part of the grain has been sown a week a more at this place.

FROM MEMORANDA PAGES: Monday, April 24th – Father turned the young cattle out to pasture grass is six inches high in some places. Apple trees begin to blossom & cherry trees blossoms are falling fast.

FROM MEMORANDA PAGES: Sunday May 5th – Apple trees are in full bloom grass & grain looks very good potatoes begin to come up & potatoe [sic] bugs are waiting very impatiently for them. Some few smart farmers have planted corn, etc.

MEMORANDA:

May 4, 1878 – I was initiated as a member of Crystal Fountain Lodge No. 284, Independent Order of Good Templar's at Slaterville. Old officers acting (New Officers installed after Initiation) Some of the Officers last quarter:

WCT – Alfred Lawrence Jr

TWCT – Celotus Stephens

WVT – Jessie Speed

WC – A. T. Lott

WFS – Dr. Gallagher

WT – Emma Avery

W Soc --

A S --

W M – Judson Rounsevell

WLHS – Mrs. Gallagher

WRHS – Mrs. Crum

MEMORANDA:

Officers of Crystal Fountain Lodge No 234 I O of G T for the quarter commencing May 1st 1878 and ending July 31st 1878 were:

WCT – Able T. Lott

WVG – Miss Elma Davis

WS – Miss Frank Davis

WTS – Mr. Theadore Tryon

WT – Miss Emma Avery

WC – Mrs. Speeds

WM – Mr. Ora Delanoy

WIG --

WOF – Dr. Gallagher.

WRHS --

WLHS --

WAS – Edd Lawrence

WDM – Miss Mary Harding

PWCT – M. Allie Lawrence

LD – Mr. R. G. H. Speed

Pass Word – Serve the Lord. Serve the Lord.

MEMORANDA:

List of Officers of Crystal Fountain Lodge No 234 I O of G T Slaterville for the quarter commencing August 1st 1878 and ending Oct 31, 1878:

WCT – Dr. W C Gallagher

WVT – Miss Elosia Landon

WS – Mr. Theodore Tryon

WFS – Miss Hattie Crum

WT – Mr. Celotus Stephens

WC – Mrs. F. S[peed

WM – Mr. Ora Dellanoy

WPG – Miss Julia June.

WDG --

WRTS --

WLHS --

WAS – Miss Elma Davis

WDM 00 Miss Mary Harding

PWCT – Able Lott

LD – Mr. R. G. H. Speed

No. Of members in good standing Nov. 1st is 31 males and 37 females.

Password: Make Home happy, Make home happy.

MEMORANDA:

Officers of Crystal Fountain Lodge No. 234 for the quarter ending Jan. 31st 1879:

WCT – Dr. Gallagher

WVT – Miss Elosia Landon

WC – Mrs. F. Speed

WT – Mr. Celotus Stephens

WFS – Miss Hattie Crum

W Sec. -- Mr. Theodore Tryon

WAS – Miss Elma Davis

WM – Mr. Jay Philips

WDM – Miss Mary Harding

WRHS – Miss Carrie Stephens

WFHS – Miss Allie Lott

WIG – Mr. John Miller

WCG – Mr. Alonzo Card

PWCT – Mr. A. T. Lott

LD – Mrs. Middaugh

County Depity [sic] – R G H Speed

Password: Our jewels drops of water

